

DESECRATION OF SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND

DEAD BODY (PROHIBITION) BILL, 2016

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clause:*

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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DESECRATION OF SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE  
AND DEAD BODY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. *Rita Orji*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1.-(1) A person shall not-

2 (a) be in possession of a human part except in a manner permitted  
3 by law;

Prohibition of  
Desecration of  
Dead Body

4 (b) steal a dead body for any purpose;

5 (c) dump a dead body on a highway or any public place;

6 (d) exhume a dead body except on the order of the court; or

7 (e) in any manner, desecrate a dead body.

8 2.-(1) A person who contravenes the provisions of Section 1 of this  
9 Bill commits a felony and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term  
10 not exceeding five years.

Penalty

11 3.-(1) The relevant authority shall, as soon as practicable remove a  
12 dead body from the highway or any private or public place.

Removal of Dead  
Body from  
Highway by the  
relevant Authority

13 4.-(1) In this Bill-

Interpretation

14 "aggrieved person" means a person related to the deceased;

15 "dead body" means dead human body;

16 "highway" includes any roadway to which the public has access:

17 "public place" includes, parks, walkways, gardens or markets; and

18 "relevant authority" means the Federal Environmental Protection Agency  
19 and includes any Law Enforcement Agency.

20 5.-(1) This Act may be cited as the Desecration of Sanctity of  
21 Human Life and Dead Body (Prohibition) Bill, 2016.

Short Title

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to prohibit the Desecration of the Sanctity of Human Life and Dead Body in Nigeria.

This Bill also provides penalty for violation of any of its Provisions.